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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR EARLE'S STATEMENT OF JULY 26, 1977 (SALT
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THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR EARLE
AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF JULY 26, 1977. QUOTE

MR. MINISTER:

I

TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF REDUCTIONS IN THE
NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS OF OUR TWO SIDES AND MAKE
CERTAIN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE REDUCTIONS BELOW THE LEVELS
NOW APPEARING IN THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT.

ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION DURING OUR NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED
STATES HAS POINTED OUT THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED BY RE-
DUCING THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS ON BOTH SIDES.

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INDEED, BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED ON THE VALUE OF SUCH REDUCTIONS.
THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION
OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SIGNED ON JUNE 21, 1973, PROVIDES
THAT, "THE TWO SIDES WILL CONTINUE ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER
TO WORK OUT A PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON MORE COMPLETE MEASURES ON
THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AS WELL AS THEIR
SUBSEQUENT REDUCTION ..."

THE AIDE MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 10, 1974 REFLECTED THIS UNDERSTANDING. ARTICLE XV OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT ALSO REFLECTS THIS UNDERSTANDING.

II

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE STABILITY OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE MAINTAINED AT AN AGGREGATE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS LOWER THAN THAT AGREED TO AT VLADIVOSTOK IN 1974.

A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS WOULD RESULT FROM REDUCTIONS IN STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. REDUCTIONS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD REDUCE THE DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY OF BOTH SIDES AND WOULD THEREBY LESSEN THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL WHICH CONFRONTS EACH SIDE. IN THE UNITED STATES VIEW, THE REDUCTIONS WHICH I INTEND TO PROPOSE TODAY WOULD COMPRISE A USEFUL ADDITIONAL STEP IN LIMITING THE COMPETITION IN STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS. AT THE SAME TIME, SUCH REDUCTIONS COULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ABILITY OF EITHER SIDE TO MAINTAIN STRATEGIC FORCES ADEQUATE TO PRESERVE ITS SECURITY INTERESTS.

A REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC ARMS BELOW THAT AGREED TO AT VLADIVOSTOK WOULD PROVIDE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE WILLINGNESS OF OUR TWO STATES TO REDUCE THEIR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD POINT THE WAY TWARD FURTHER REDUCTIONS.

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MOREOVER, SUCH REDUCTIONS WOULD DEMONSTRATE TO NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES THE WILLINGNESS OF OUR TWO STATES TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THE GOOD FAITH WITH WHICH WE ARE DISCHARGING OUR OBLIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH ARTICLE VI OF THAT TREATY. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A DEMONSTRATION WOULD HELP TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE TWO SIDES AGREE TO REDUCE, AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1979, THE NUMBER OF ICBM LAUNCHERS, SLBM LAUNCHERS, HEAVY BOMBERS AND ASBMS TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 2,160.

III

BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT LAUNCHERS OF MIRVED ICBMS AND SLBMS ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS. MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS WHICH CAN BE DELIVERED BY A SINGLE LAUNCHER. THEY HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE PARTICULARLY DESTABILIZING. SINCE NEITHER SIDE HAS REACHED THE CEILING OF 1,320 MIRV LAUNCHERS AND BECAUSE A MUTUAL GOAL SHOULD BE THE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF THE NUMBERS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE SIDES SHOULD

FURTHERCONSTRAIN MIRVS.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE TWO SIDES AGREE TO REDUCE, AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1979, THE NUMBER OF LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, AND ASBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 1,200.

IV

WITH REGARD TO DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF SYSTEMS WHICH WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS SPECIFIED, THE UNITED STATES HAS INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, IN THE CONTEXT OF SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL FOR AN AGREED DATA BASE. WITH
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RESPECT TO THE DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE PROPOSED AGREGATES OF 2,160 AND 1,200, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES SIMILAR PROVISIONS.

V

MR. MINISTER, I WOULD NOW LIKE TO PROPOSE REVISED LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLES III, V AND XI REFLECTING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS I HAVE DISCUSSED TODAY. THIS LANGUAGE INCLUDES CERTAIN APPROPRIATE EDITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS.

ARTICLE III

1. FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES TO LIMIT ICBM LAUNCHERS, SLBM LAUNCHERS, HEAVY BOMBERS, AND ASBMS TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 2,400.
2. FROM OCTOBER 1, 1979, EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES TO LIMIT ICBM LAUNCHERS, SLBM LAUNCHERS, HEAVY BOMBERS, AND ASBMS TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 2,160.
3. WITHIN THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS ARTICLE AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, EACH PARTY SHALL BE FREE TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION OF THESE AGGREGATES.
4. FOR EACH BOMBER EQUIPPED FOR ASBMS, THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL INCLUDE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUCH MISSILES FOR WHICH SUCH BOMBER IS EQUIPPED FOR ONE OPERATIONAL MISSION.
5. A HEAVY BOMBER EQUIPPED ONLY FOR ASBMS SHALL NOT ITSELF BE INCLUDED IN THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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6. THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO CONSIDER AS SUBJECT TO THE AGGREGATE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS ARTICLE ALL LAND-MOBILE BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS COMPATIBLE WITH LAUNCHING AN ICBM.

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ARTICLE V

1. WITHIN THE AGGREGATE NUMBER PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE III, EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES TO LIMIT LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, AND ASBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 1,320.

2. WITHIN THE AGGREGATE NUMBER PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE III, EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES TO LIMIT LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, AND ASBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 1,200.

3. WITHIN THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS ARTICLE AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, EACH PARTY SHALL BE FREE TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSI-

TION OF THESE AGGREGATES INCLUDING THE TYPES AND NUMBERS OF
THOSE LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES.

ARTICLE XI

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1. STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE
NUMBERS SPECIFIED IN THIS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS STRATEGIC OFFEN-
SIVE ARMS PROHIBITED BY THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DISMANTLED OR
DESTROYED UNDER PROCEDURES TO BE AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING
CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

2. DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH
WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTI-
CLE III SHALL BEGIN ON THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREE-
MENT AND SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING PERIODS FROM THAT
DATE: FOUR MONTHS FOR ICBM LAUNCHERS; SIX MONTHS FOR SLBM LAUNCHERS;
AND THREE MONTHS FOR HEAVY BOMBERS.

3. DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH
WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF
ARTICLE III SHALL BE INITIATED NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 1979,
AND SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING PERIODS FROM THAT DATE:
FOUR MONTHS FOR ICBMS LAUNCHERS; SIX MONTHS FOR SLBM LAUNCHERS; AND
THREE MONTHS FOR HEAVY BOMBERS AND FOR ASBMS.

4. DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH
WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF
ARTICLE V SHALL BE INITIATED NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 1979,
AND SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING PERIODS FROM THAT DATE:
FOUR MONTHS FOR LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS; SIX MONTHS
FOR LAUNCHERS OF SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS; AND THREE MONTHS FOR
ASBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS.

5. DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS PRO-
HIBITED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE COMPLETED
WITHIN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE AGREED PERIOD OF TIME, BUT NOT LATER
THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER THOSE PROVISIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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MR. MINISTER, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL BE INTERESTED IN
HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSALS.

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